

Nacogdoches Texas December 16. 1871

Hon^{re} A. Bleed Soes.
Comptroller Public acts.

Austin Texas.

Sir I herewith enclose^{to} you my Affidavit of
the loss of my Original Pension Certificate N^o: 120 and pray
of you a Duplicate of said certificate by so doing you will
confer a great favor

On the 31st Dec^r 1870 I forwarded to the Hon^{re} Amos Clark
state Senator from Nacogdoches then at Austin my power of attorney
to apply for me and for my use the Dividend due me to Dec^r 31 1870
to which I should be entitled to under the Act of granting
Pensions app^r Aug^r 3/71. I also sent with it my Original Pension
Certificate N^o: 120 as evidence of claim if required with the
request that said Certificate should be returned to me -
I wrote afterwards to Amos Clark several letters relating thereto
and received no communication from him what so ever
Judge Clark died at Austin during the session and I have
made due and diligent inquiry for the recovery of my Papers &c
without effect, they cannot be found and are lost to me

Should you comply with my request in sending a Duplicate
of my Pension Certificate can you further gratify me (in expardon
the vanity of an old man) by having it made on parchment. I would like
it for an Heirloom I have children, grandchildren, great grand
children around me and I should like it to be preserved to
descend to their children's descendants. A Memorial of an old Texian
by reference to my papers on file in your office you will
see the several Military appointments and Commissions
I had the honor to hold in the service of Texas. Throughout
our arduous struggle for Liberty and Independence which
under an all wise Providence and the firm and decided energy
of the Old Texans was happily accomplished

as I am ignorant of the present condition of the Pension act
I should be thankful for any information connected therewith

I remain Your Ob^t. Servt.
John Forde